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SUBJECT: TEXTILE CLASSIFICATION

A. HONG KONG OFFICIALS, YUENG AND D. CHAN, RAISED SEVERAL CLASSIFICATION QUESTIONS DURING MOBLEY'S VISIT OCTOBER 10-14. DEFINITIVE CLASSIFICATIONS ARE NOT POSSIBLE UNLESS U.S. CUSTOMS HAS SAMPLES UPON WHICH TO MAKE RULINGS; HOWEVER, BASED ON DESCRIPTION, THE FOLLOWING SHOULD PROVIDE GUIDANCE.

1. DENIM TROUSERS WITH WAISTBANDS AND LOOPS WHICH HAVE BIB AND OVERSHOULDER STRAPS WOULD BE CLASSED AS OVERALLS IN CATEGORY 359.

2. LIGHTWEIGHT TERRY-TYPE SET CONSISTING OF SHORTS AND SHORT-SLEEVE, V-NECK SHIRT WOULD LIKELY BE IMPORTED AS AN UNCLASSIFIED

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ENTIRELY BUT CLASSED IN COMPONENT PARTS AS TROUSERS AND SHIRT. SUGGEST SAMPLE FOR FINAL RULING.

3. TWO-PIECE DRESS CONSISTING OF SKIRT WITH SASH DESIGNED TO COVER WAISTBAND WHEN WORN WITH TUCKED-IN TOP WOULD BE DRESS.

4. LIGHTWEIGHT, LESS THAN 12 GAUGE, TOP AND SKIRT SET WOULD PROBABLY BE TWO-PIECE DRESS. SUGGEST SAMPLE FOR FIRM RULING.

5. CARDIGAN, PULLOVER AND SKIRT SET MEETING SUIT GUIDELINES WOULD BE THREE-PIECE SUIT.

6. SHIRT-JACKET OF JACKET LENGTH, FOUR POCKETS AND SHORT SLEEVES WORN MAINLY OVER UNDERSHIRT WOULD BE JACKET.

7. WOMEN'S SET WITH PREDOMINANT MATERIAL OF SKIRT OR TROUSERS MATCHING NONPREDOMINANT MATERIAL OF JACKET WOULD BE CLASSED AS A SUIT.

8. MEN'S SET, WHICH WOULD QUALIFY AS A SUIT EXCEPT THAT COLOR STRIPES OF JACKET AND TROUSERS DIFFER IN WIDTH, WOULD BE CLASSED AS JACKET AND TROUSERS.

9. GLOVE WITH COMPLETE OUTER SURFACE EXCEPT CUFF COVERED BY PLASTIC WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS TEXTILE GLOVE BASED ON CUFF.

10. BOOTIES WITH SOLES PROBABLY WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS FOOTWEAR. SUGGEST SAMPLES FOR FIRM RULING.

11. BRASSIERE PARTS CONSISTING OF STRAPS WOULD BE CLASSED UNCLASSIFIED

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AS NONAPPAREL IN CATEGORY 369 OR 669. IN CONNECTION WITH APPAREL PARTS, SUGGEST EXAMINATION OF GENERAL HEADNOTE 10(H), PAGE 7 OF TSUSA. CUSTOMS, UNDER THIS HEADNOTE CLASSES PARTS WHICH CONSIST OF THE SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF AN ARTICLE AS THE ARTICLE. ONE U.S. IMPORTER RECENTLY INQUIRED AS TO CLASSIFICATION OF SWEATER PARTS CONSISTING OF TURTLENECK, FRONT AND BACK PANELS, AND TWO SLEEVES. CUSTOMS CONSIDERS SUCH SHIPMENTS AS SWEATERS. CUSTOMS NOW DEVELOPING GUIDELINES APPLICABLE TO PARTS WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED TO HONG KONG WHEN PUBLISHED.

12. PRAM BAGS ARE CONSIDERED AS APPAREL NOT AS SLEEPING BAGS.

13. GARMENTS MANUFACTURED FROM MATERIAL IDENTIFIED AS "PAPER CLOTH" WOULD BE CLASSIFIED UNDER THE APPROPRIATE MAN-MADE FIBER APPAREL CATEGORY.

B. CUSTOMS HAS BEEN ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF "REPLY TO INQUIRY" ON CLASSIFICATION OF DIAPER TOPS. WE WILL INFORM HONG KONG OF RULINGS WHEN AVAILABLE.

C. PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION TO YUENG WITH CAVEAT
THAT INFORMATION BASED ON DESCRIPTIONS AND THAT FIRM
RULINGS WOULD REQUIRE CUSTOMS EXAMINATION OF SAMPLES. VANCE

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